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WEB OF SPIDER-MAN



WHAT ARCH-
ENEMY HAS
SENT THE
**KILLER
ANDROID**
AFTER
SPIDER-MAN?

50
YEARS



OF
CAPTAIN AMERICA

1941 - 1991

AND WILL SPIDEY LIVE
LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT?!

BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

WEB OF SPIDER-MAN™

SPRING IN THE CITY--

**--ESPECIALLY
NEW YORK
CITY--**

**TWEET
TWEET**

**--IS A BITTERSWEET
EXPERIENCE AT BEST.**

**IF YOU'RE THINKING
ABOUT GETTING FRESH
WITH ME ON THIS ROMAN-
TIC LITTLE CARRIAGE RIDE
THROUGH CENTRAL
PARK, TIGER...**

**...YOU BETTER
GET STARTED
RIGHT NOW.**

**WELL, ER...
ACTUALLY, LADY,
YOU DO MAKE
ME FEEL SORT
OF...TINGLY--**

**HANG ON... THAT'S NOT
M.J., THAT'S MY SPIDER-
SENSE --**

PETER...?

**--WARNING
ME OF--**

--DANGER!

**BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA**

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MARY JANE--!

WHOA...
WHOA...!

WHAT
THE--?!

HOWDY,
MA'AM...

...WE'RE IN NEED
OF SOME
DIRECTIONS.

FIRST BLOOD...

TERRY
KAVANASH
WRITER

ALEX
SAYUK
PENCILER

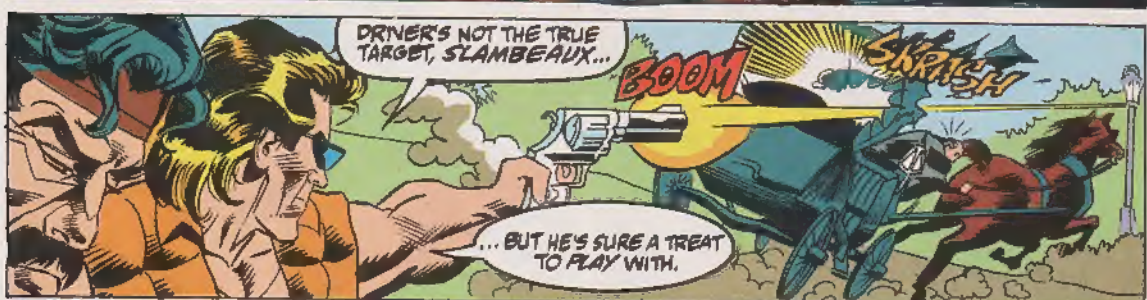
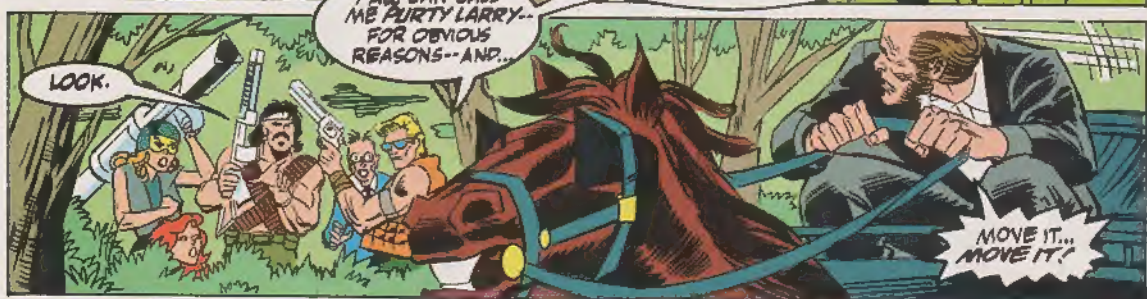
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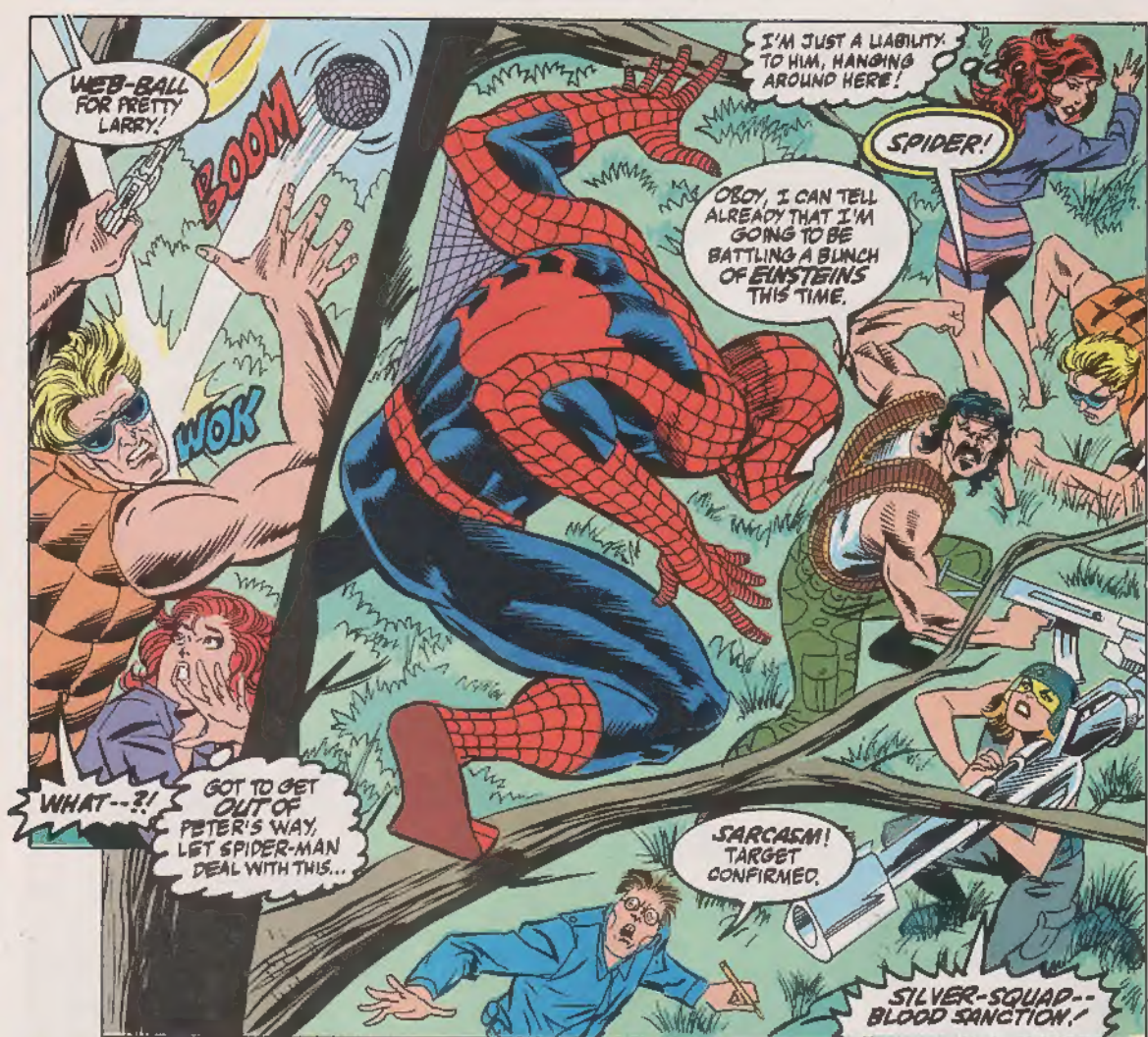
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DEFALCO
EDITOR IN CHIEF







AS IN "SILVER SABLE"...?

IF THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF SABLE'S MELODRAMATIC IMITATIONS TO JOIN HER ON ONE OF HER COCKAMAMIE MERCENARY MISSIONS--

THOOO

NEVER HEARD OF THE WOMAN.

I JUST KNEW IT COULDN'T BE THAT SIMPLE.

SPIDER-SENSE IS BLARING AGAIN...

MIGHTY FINE SHOOTING, RIPSTER!

...AND ANOTHER TREE BITES THE DUST.

SHIA KOOOM

YOU GUYS AREN'T EXACTLY ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS, ARE YOU?

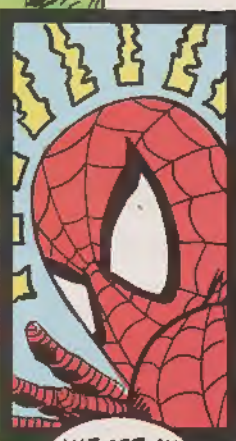
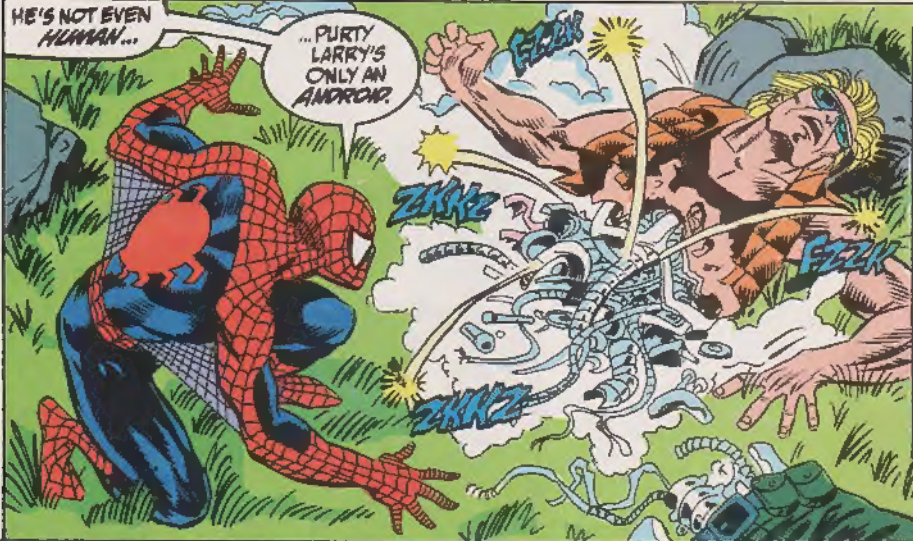
WHEENK

OURS.

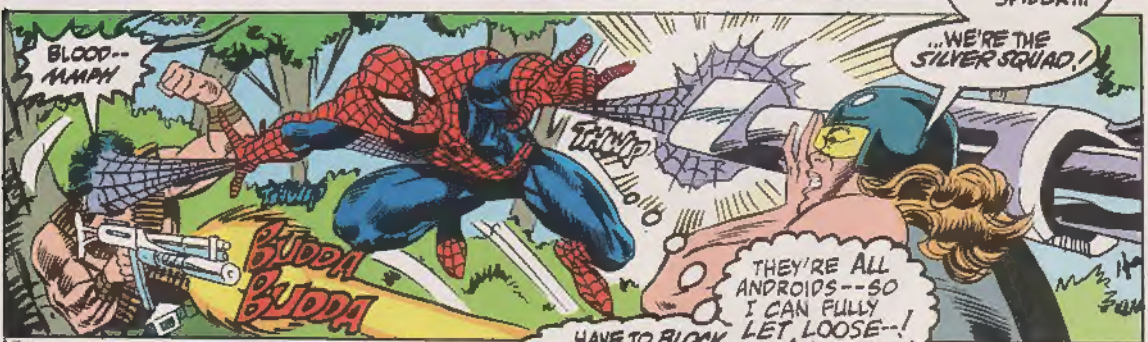


HE'S NOT EVEN HUMAN...

...PURTY LARRY'S ONLY AN ANDROID.



WE ARE ALL MUCH, MUCH MORE THAN MERE ANDROIDS, SPIDER...



BLOOD--
MAMPH

...WE'RE THE SILVER SQUAD!

BUDDA
BUDDA

THEY'RE ALL ANDROIDS--SO I CAN FULLY LET LOOSE--!

HAVE TO BLOCK RIPSER'S MUZZLE BEFORE SHE FIRES AGAIN.

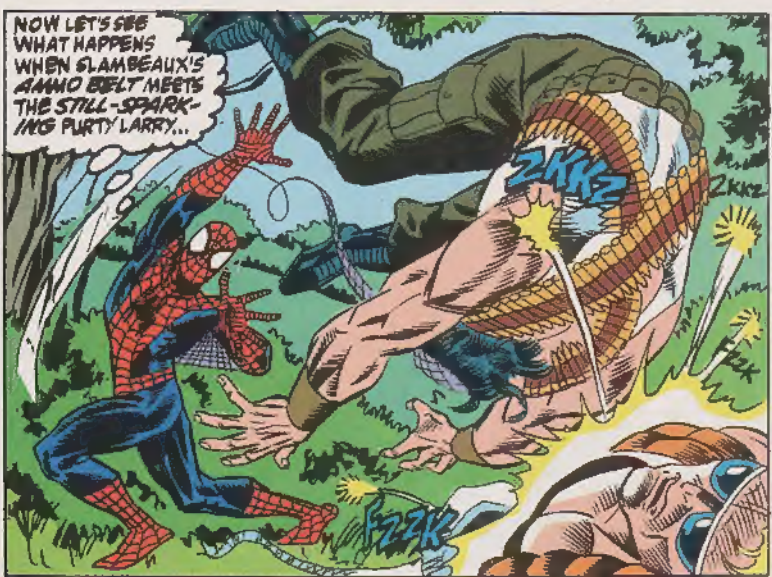


MY ARM--

SHA--

--THE RECOL... TORE IT OFF.

POOF



NOW LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SLAMBEAUX'S AMMO BELT MEETS THE STILL-SPARKING PURTY LARRY...

AWWW... THEY GO BOOM.

BUT THEY'RE FOLLOWING SOMEBODY'S DIRECTIVE! WHO COULD BE BEHIND ALL THIS?!



AND CLOSER THAN
SPIDER-MAN COULD
POSSIBLY KNOW...

THIS IS... NOT
WORKING...

I MAY HAVE
TO CHANGE MY
STRATEGY.

IT'S APPARENT
THE ANDROIDS
THE TINKERER
DESIGNED FOR ME
AREN'T UP TO THE
DELICATE TASK OF
TAKING OUT SPIDER-
MAN WITH MINIMUM
DAMAGE.

SO, AS OF
NOW, THEIR
ORDERS ARE
CHANGED?

IF NECESSARY, I
WILL GET MY BLOOD
FROM ELSEWHERE,
BUT, ONE WAY OR
ANOTHER...

...SPIDER-MAN
MUST DIE!

BACK IN CENTRAL PARK...

WOOGYAWOOOGA!
POLICE ARE ON THE WAY...
AND SLAMBEAUX, PURTY LARRY,
AND THE TWIT LOOK LIKE THEY'RE OUT
FOR THE COUNT.

NOW I JUST NEED
TO CHECK ON--

THANK HEAVEN
IT'S ALL OVER!

M.J.!?

I COULDN'T JUST
DESERT YOU--

WHOA...

I CALLED THE
POLICE BUT--

I HAD TO
MAKE SURE
YOU WERE
SAFE--

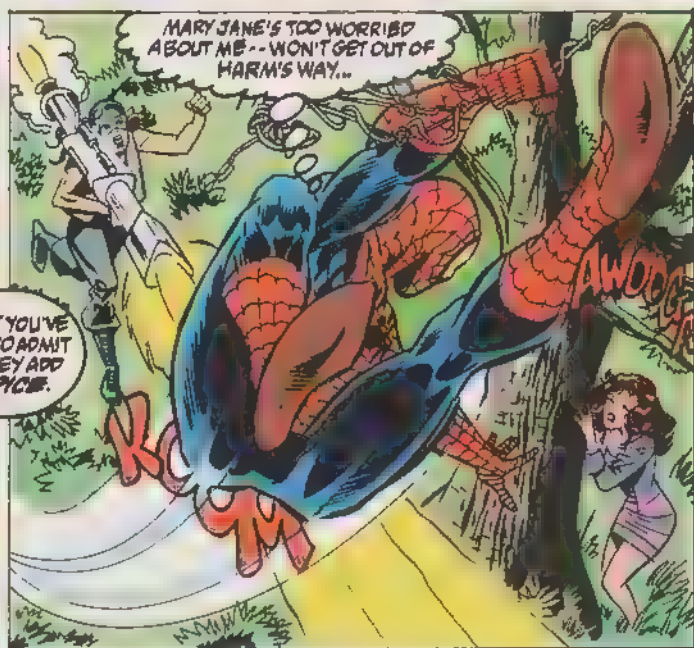
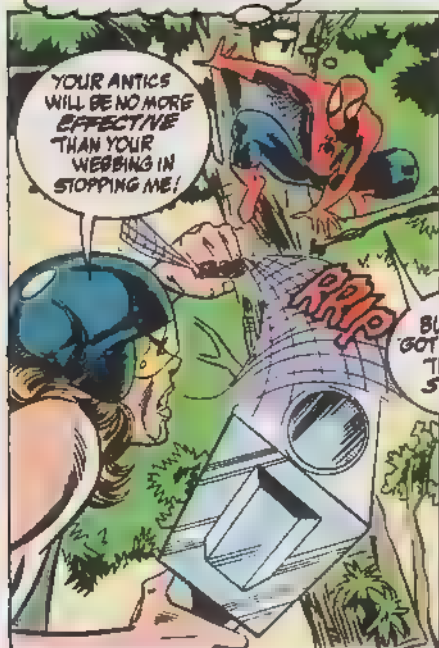
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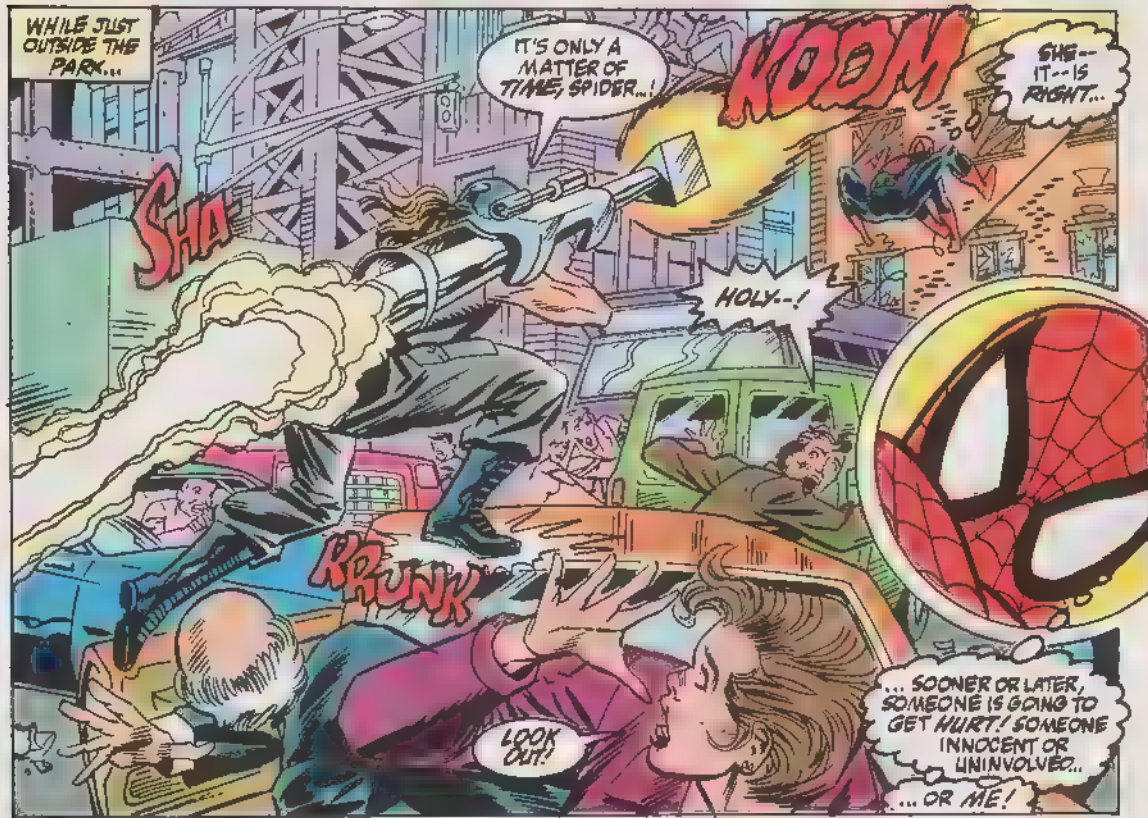
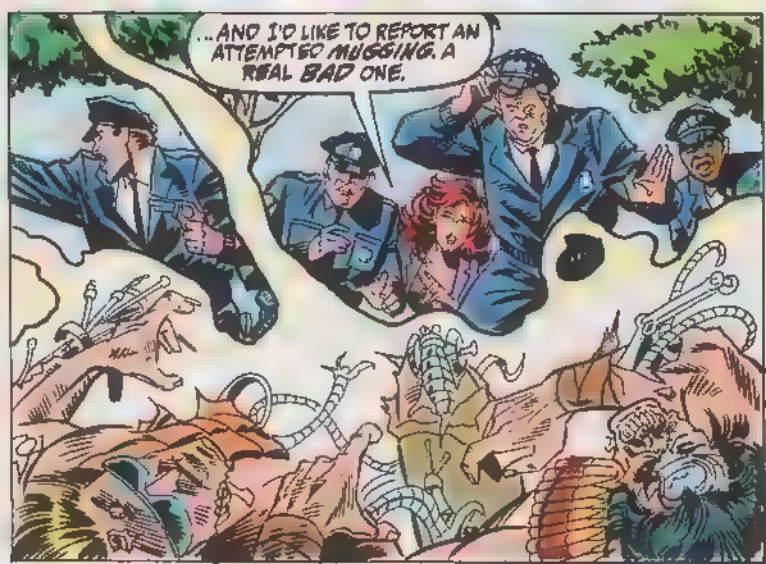
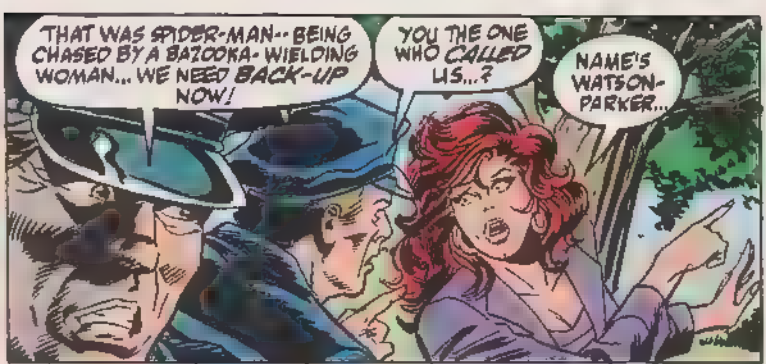
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SENSE...

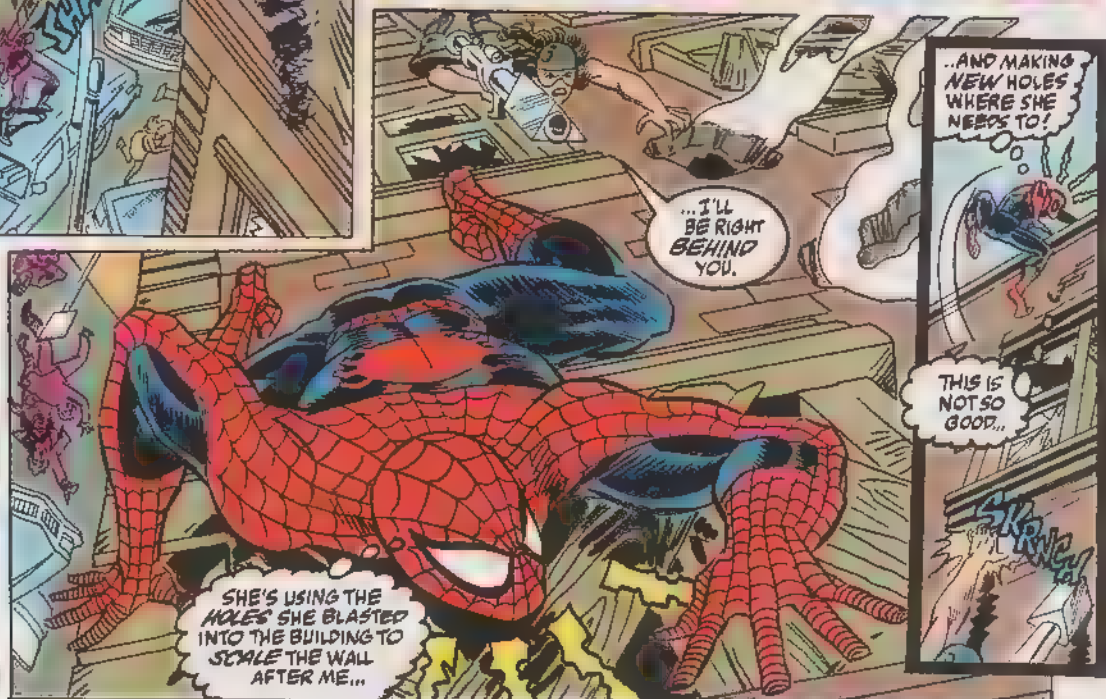
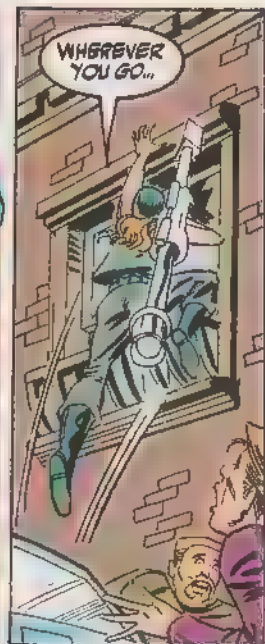
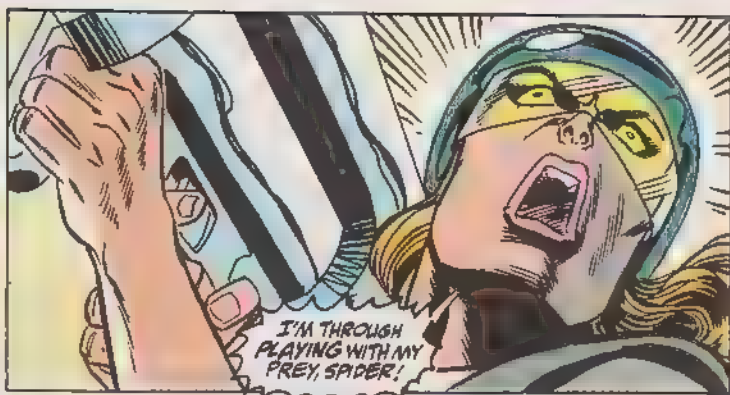
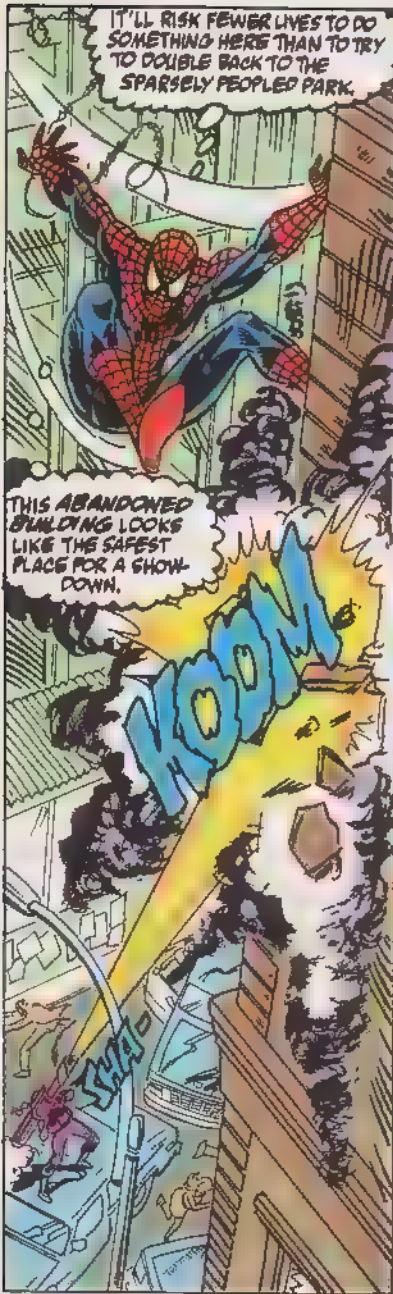
GET OUT OF
HERE, RED--

**AAAAA
RRGH!**

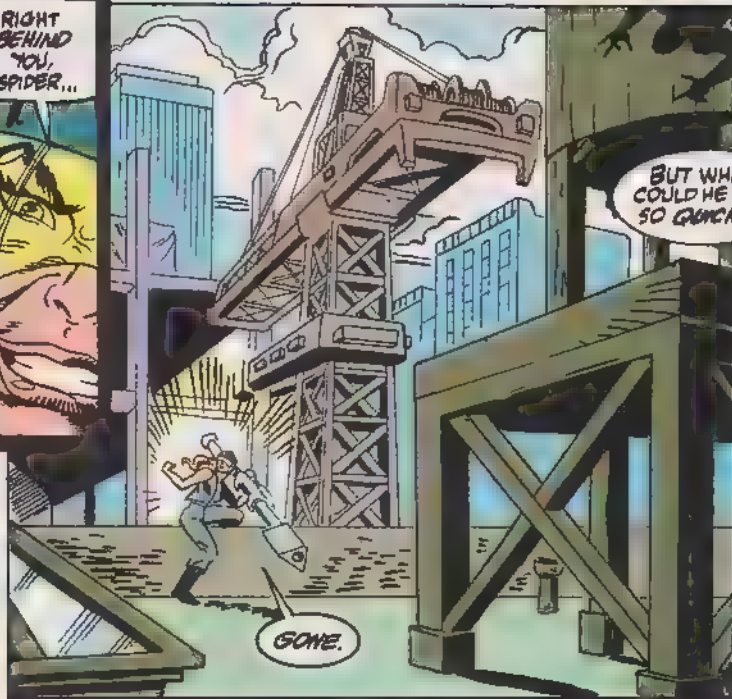
--RIGHT
NOW!







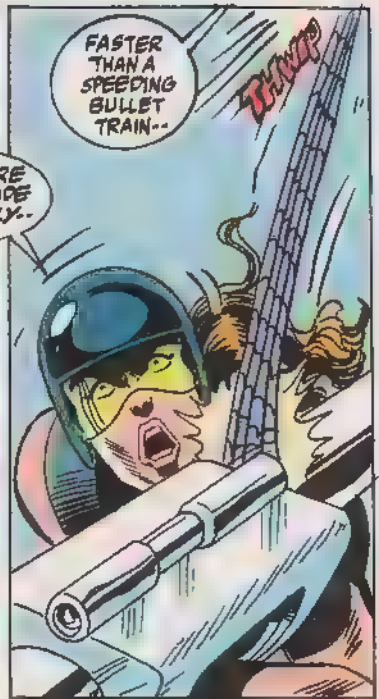
RIGHT
BEHIND
YOU,
SPIDER...



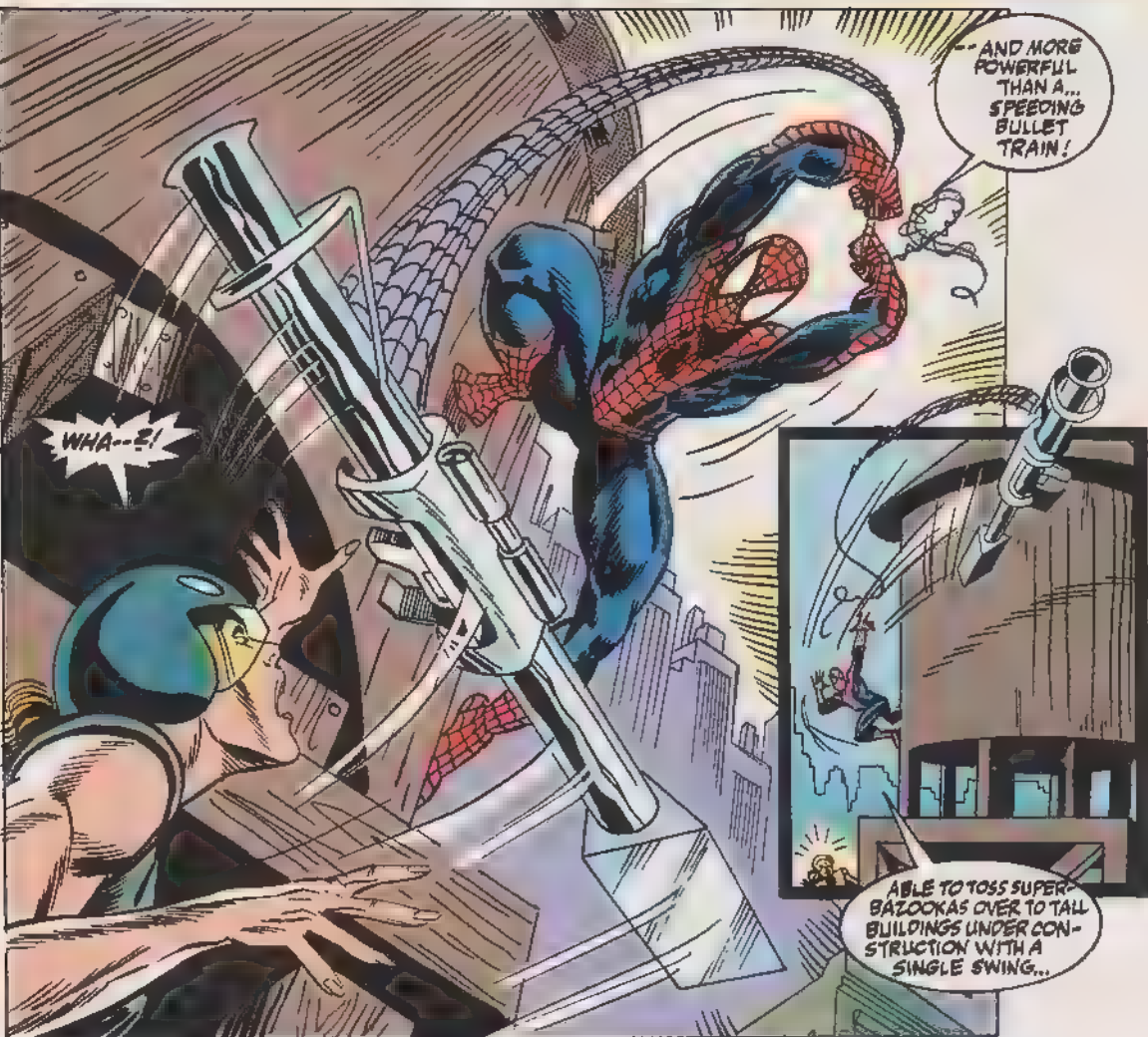
GONE.

BUT WHERE
COULD HE HIDE
SO QUICKLY..

FASTER
THAN A
SPEEDING
BULLET
TRAIN..



--AND MORE
POWERFUL
THAN A...
SPEEDING
BULLET
TRAIN!



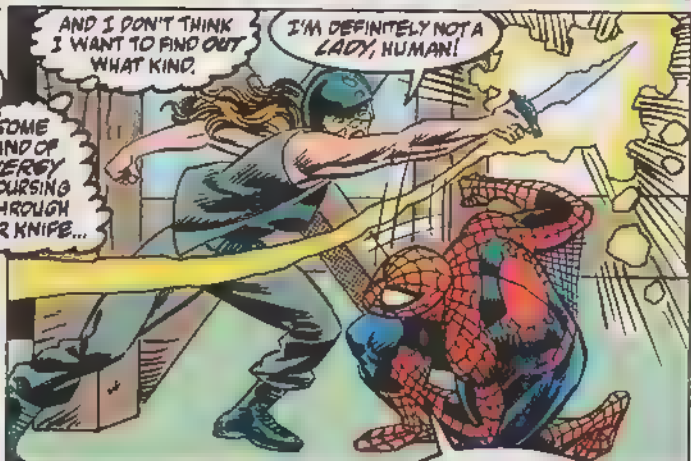
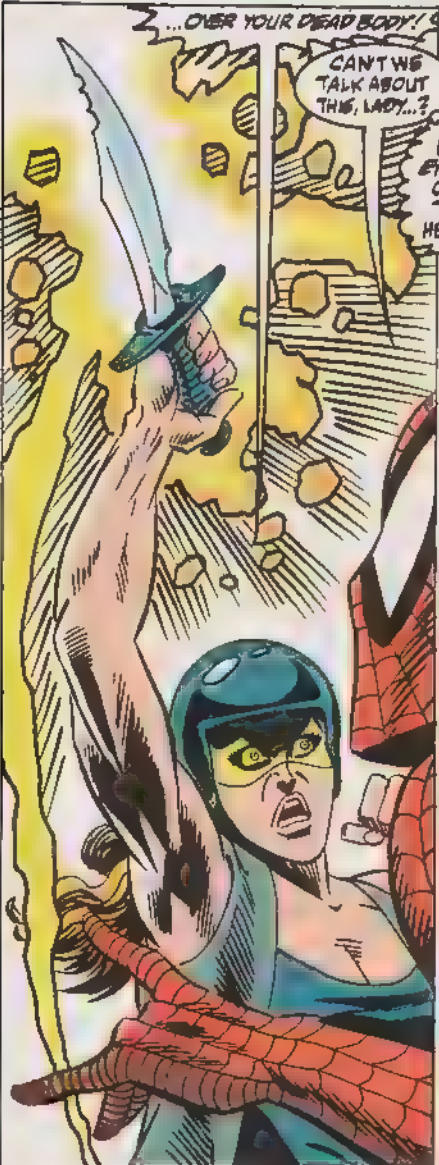
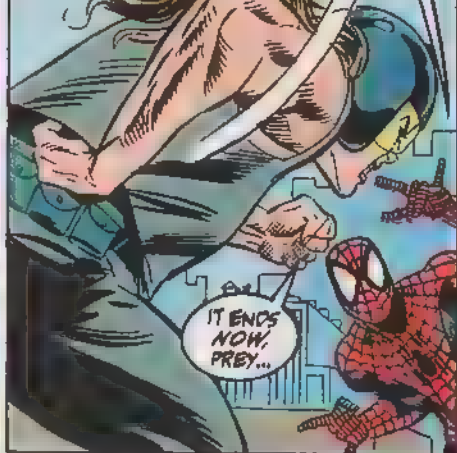
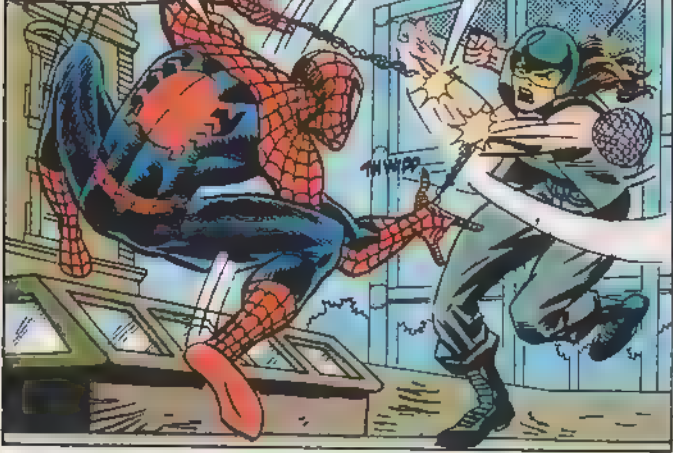
ABLE TO TOSS SUPER-
BAZOOKAS OVER TO TALL
BUILDINGS UNDER CON-
STRUCTION WITH A
SINGLE SWING...

... SPIDER-MAN FIGHTS A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE-- AND BELIEVE YOU ME, NEVER-ENDING IS THE WORD FOR IT--

ENOUGH.

YOUR "WEB-BALLS" ARE WASTED ON ONE SUCH AS I, SPIDER.

SO ARE MY JOKES, OBVIOUSLY.

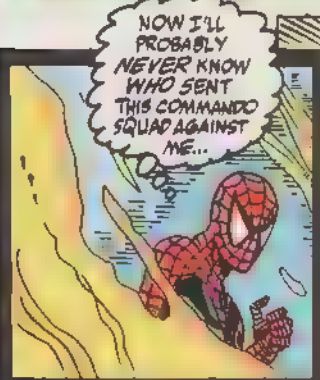




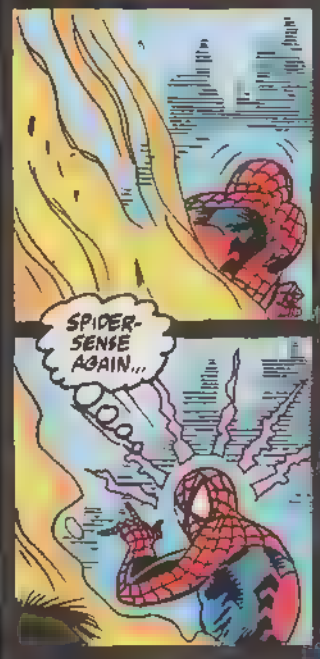
...BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT.



RIPSTER MUST'VE BEEN MORE DAMAGED THAN SHE LOOKED BY THE BATTLE EARLIER.



NOW I'LL PROBABLY NEVER KNOW WHO SENT THIS COMMANDO SQUAD AGAINST ME...

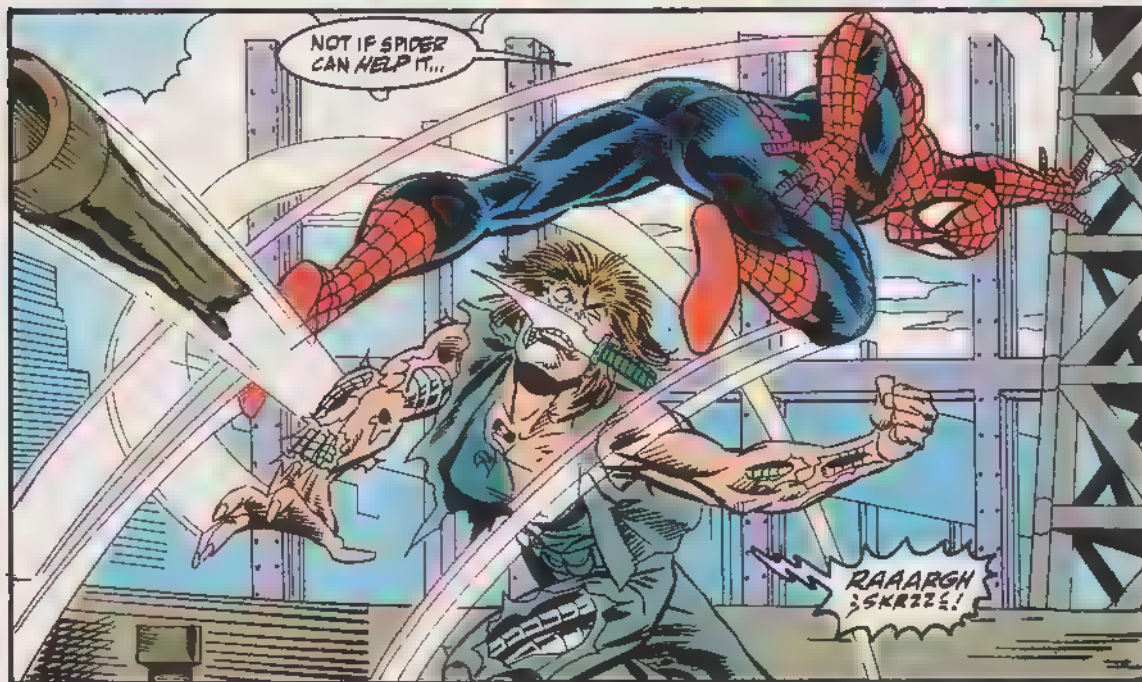
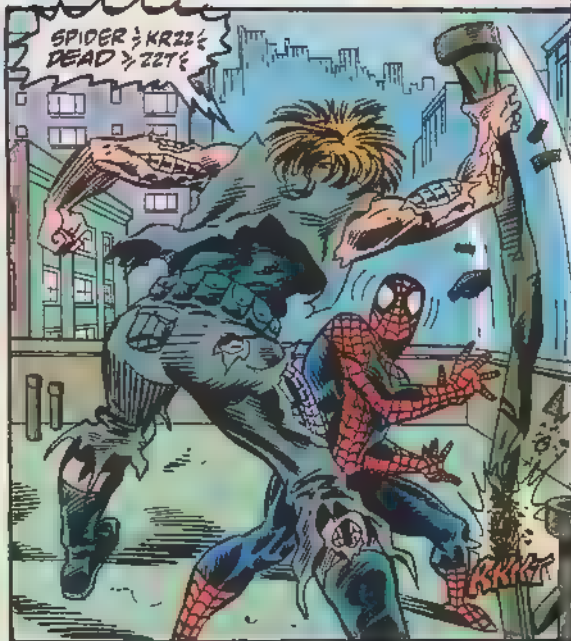
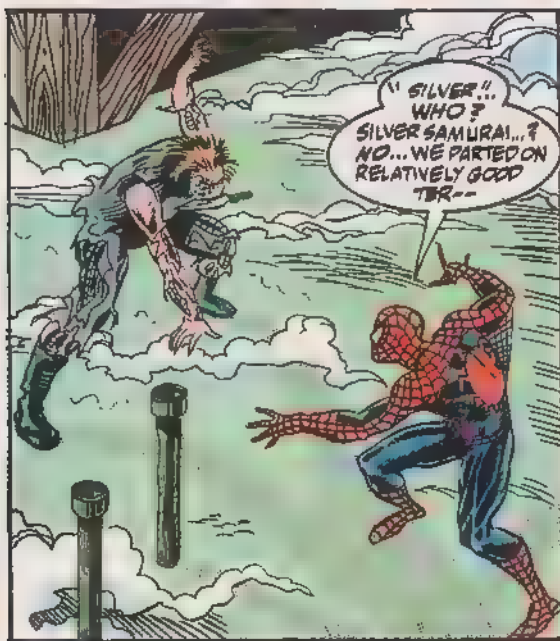
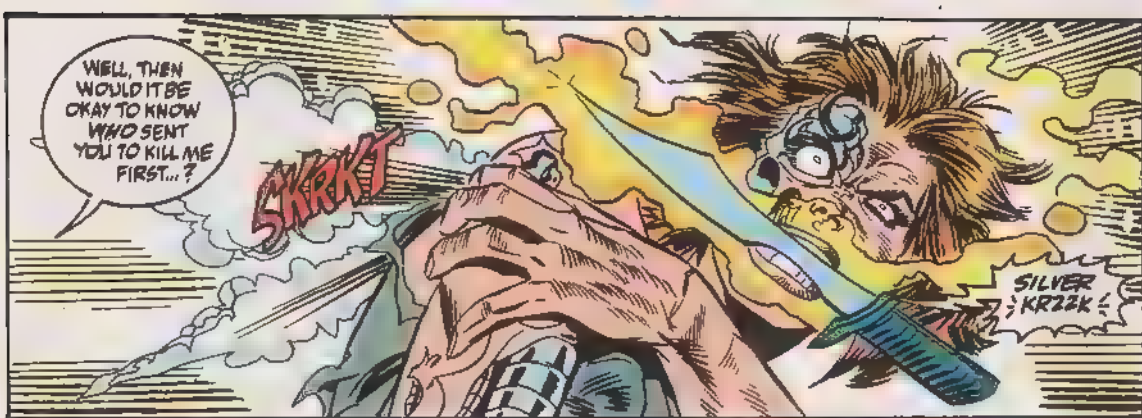


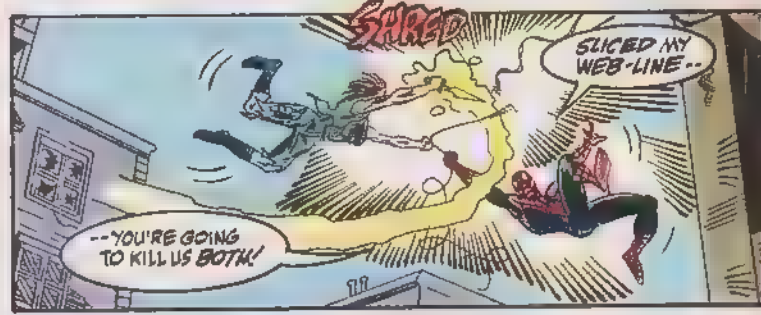
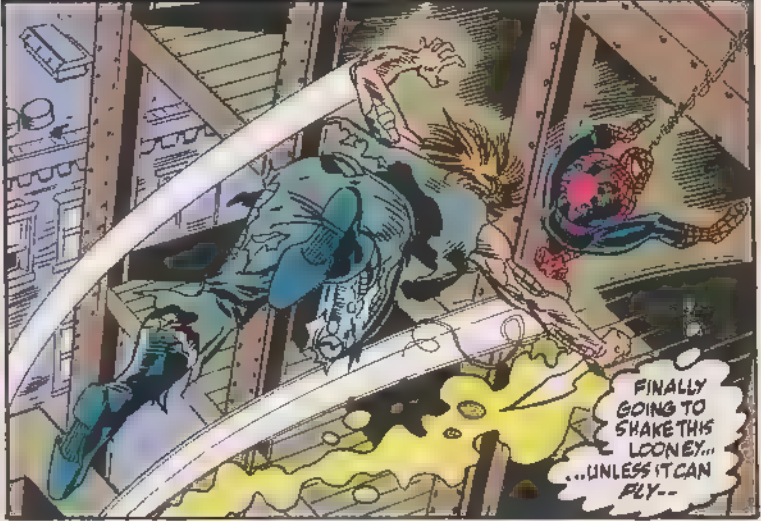
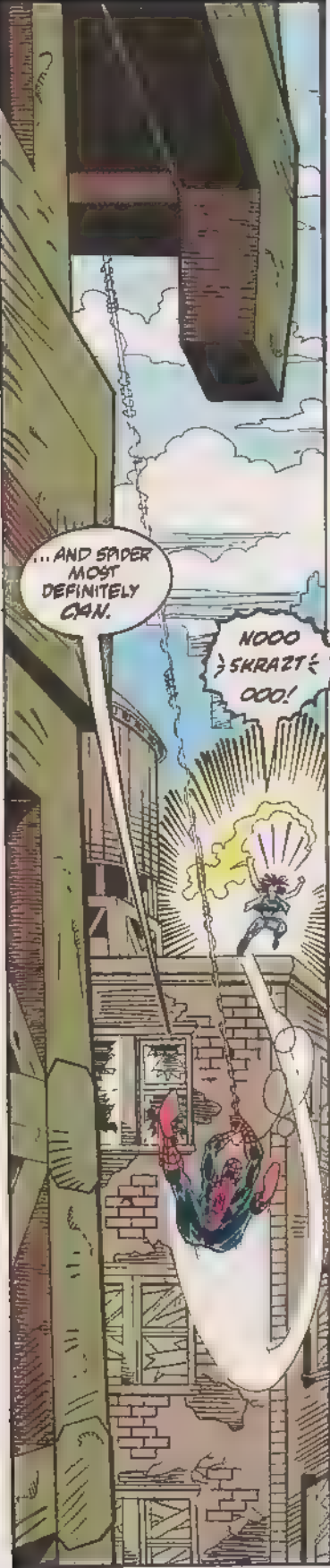
SPIDER-SENSE AGAIN...

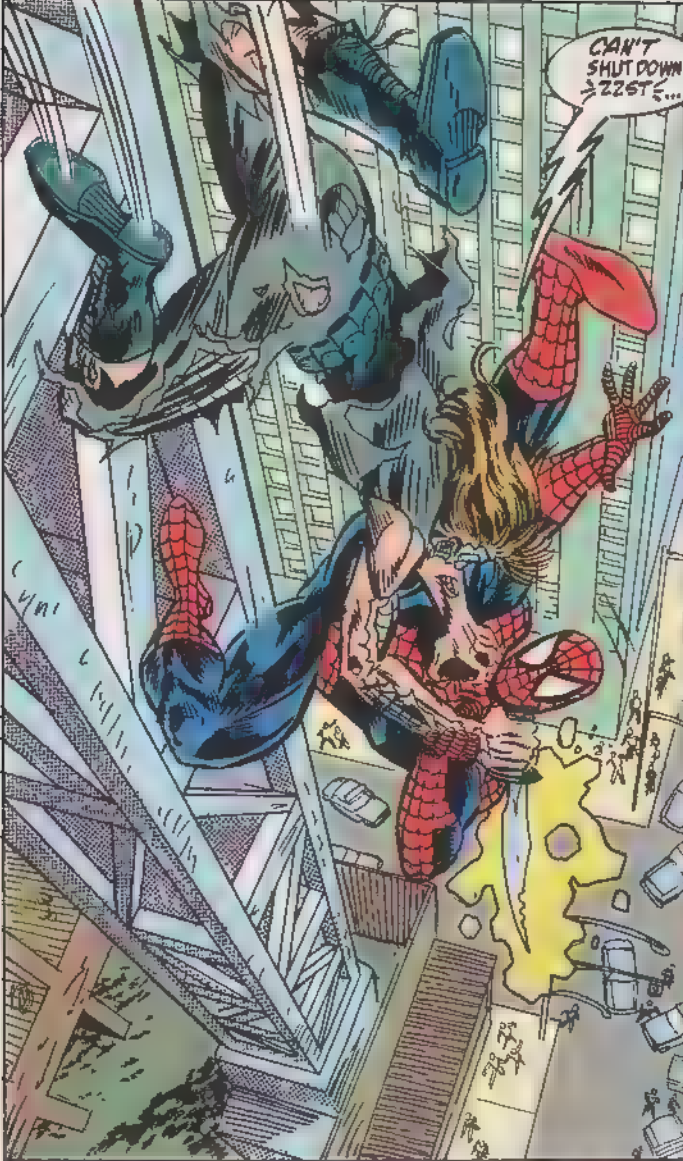


HOLY--!

SPIDER
>SKRAK<
DIE
=SKTZ=







CAN'T SHUT DOWN
ZZZT...

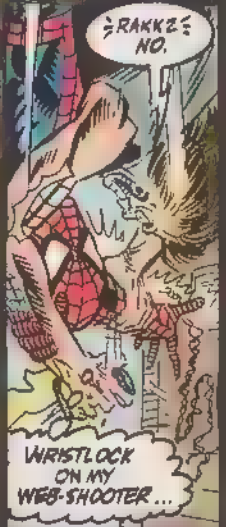


...UNTIL SPIDER
SKKZ DEAD!

CLEAR
THE AREA--
NOW!

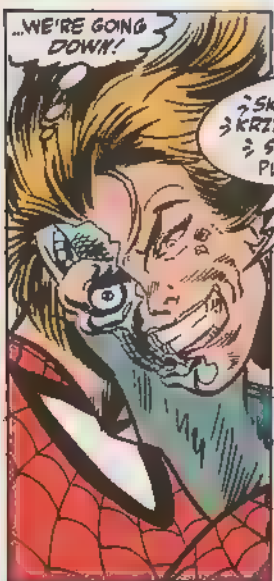


GOT TO--



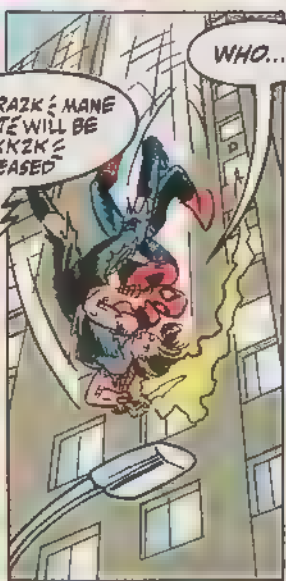
RAKKZ NO.

WRISTLOCK
ON MY
WEB-SHOOTER...

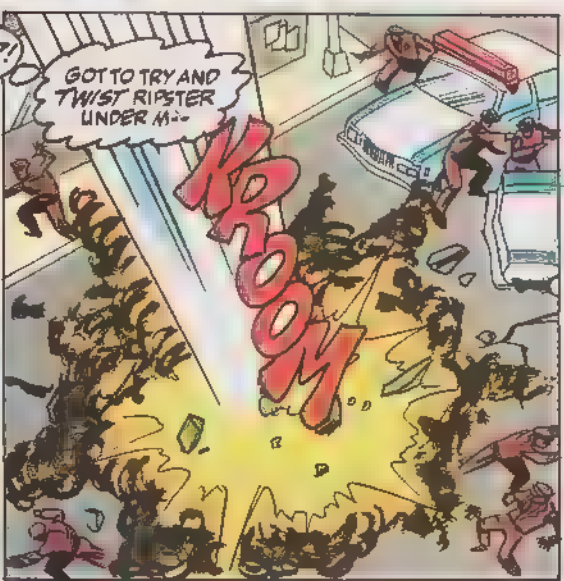


...WE'RE GONG
DOWN!

SKRAZZ MANE
KRIZTE WILL BE
SKKZ PLEASED



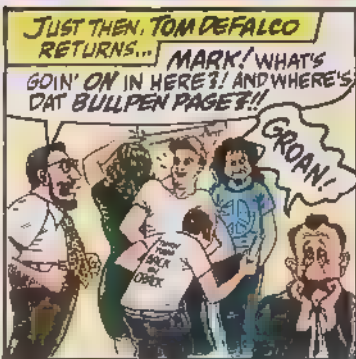
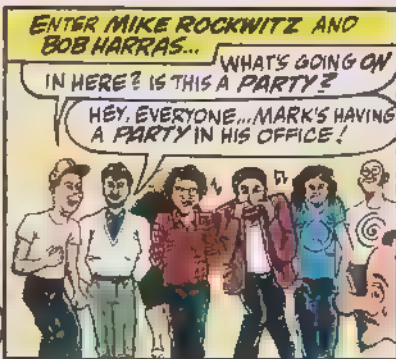
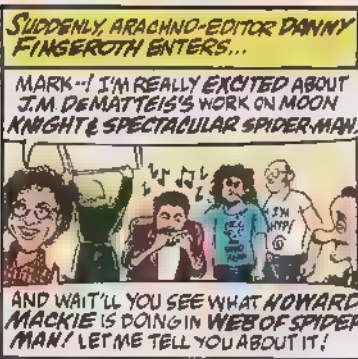
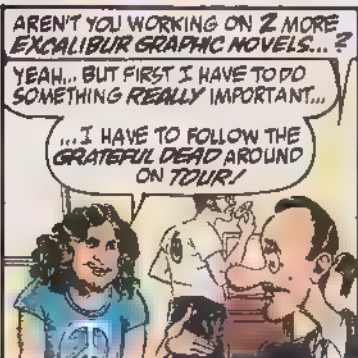
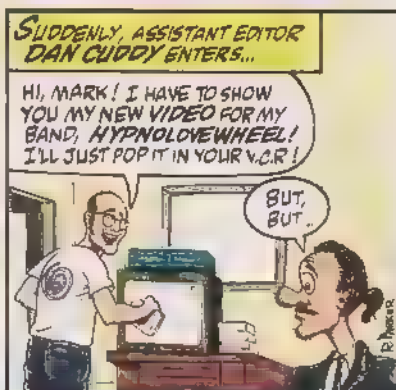
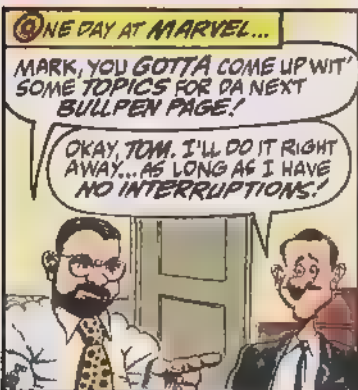
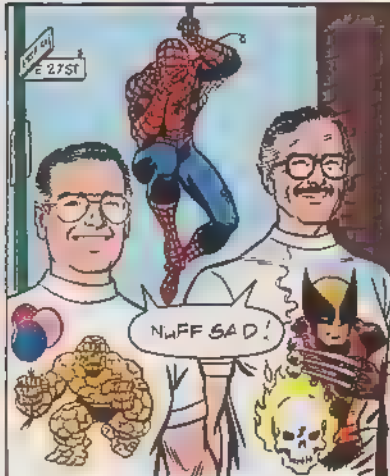
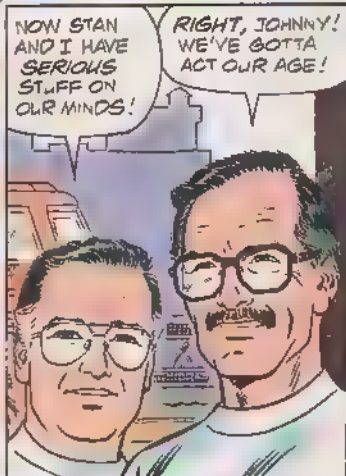
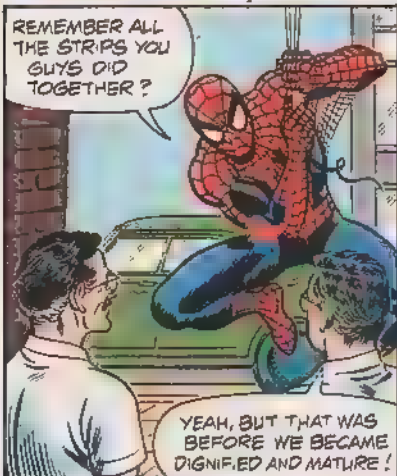
WHO...?!



GOT TO TRY AND
TWIST RIFSTER
UNDER M...

KROOM

STAN'S SOAPBOX by Stan Lee & John Ramita





ARE...?

I DON'T...

SHOULD WE...?



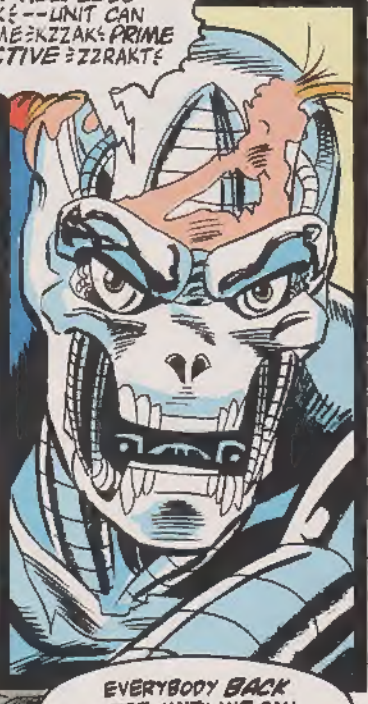
LOOK!



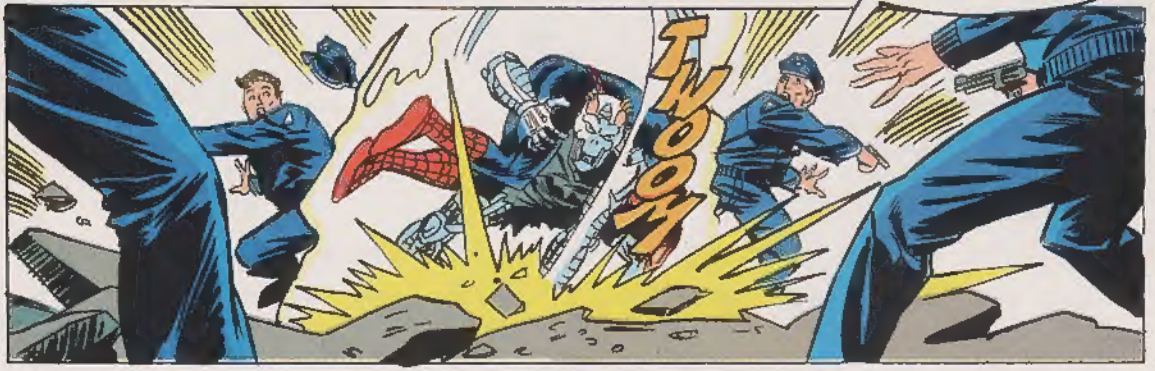
SKRZZR! ZRRZT! KRZZE...

IT'S STILL "ALIVE"...

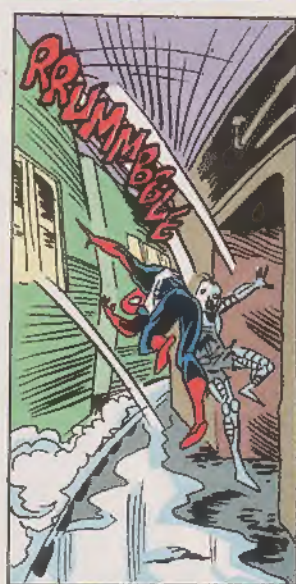
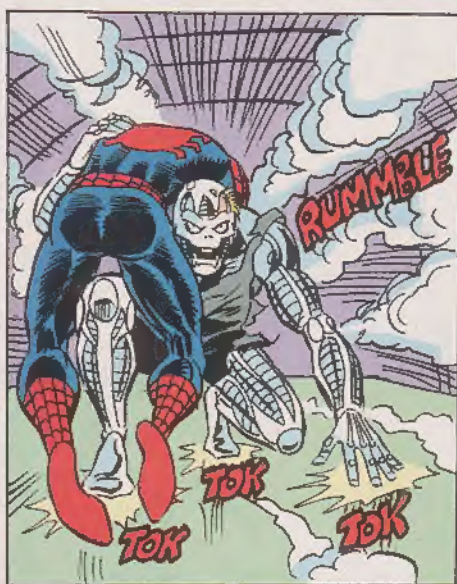
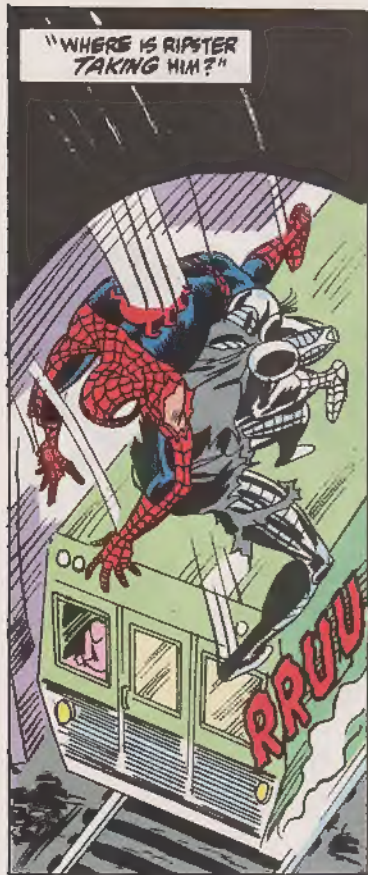
SKRZZRTE
SPIDER HELPLESS
SZZAK! UNIT CAN
RESUME KZZAK PRIME
DIRECTIVE ZZRKTE

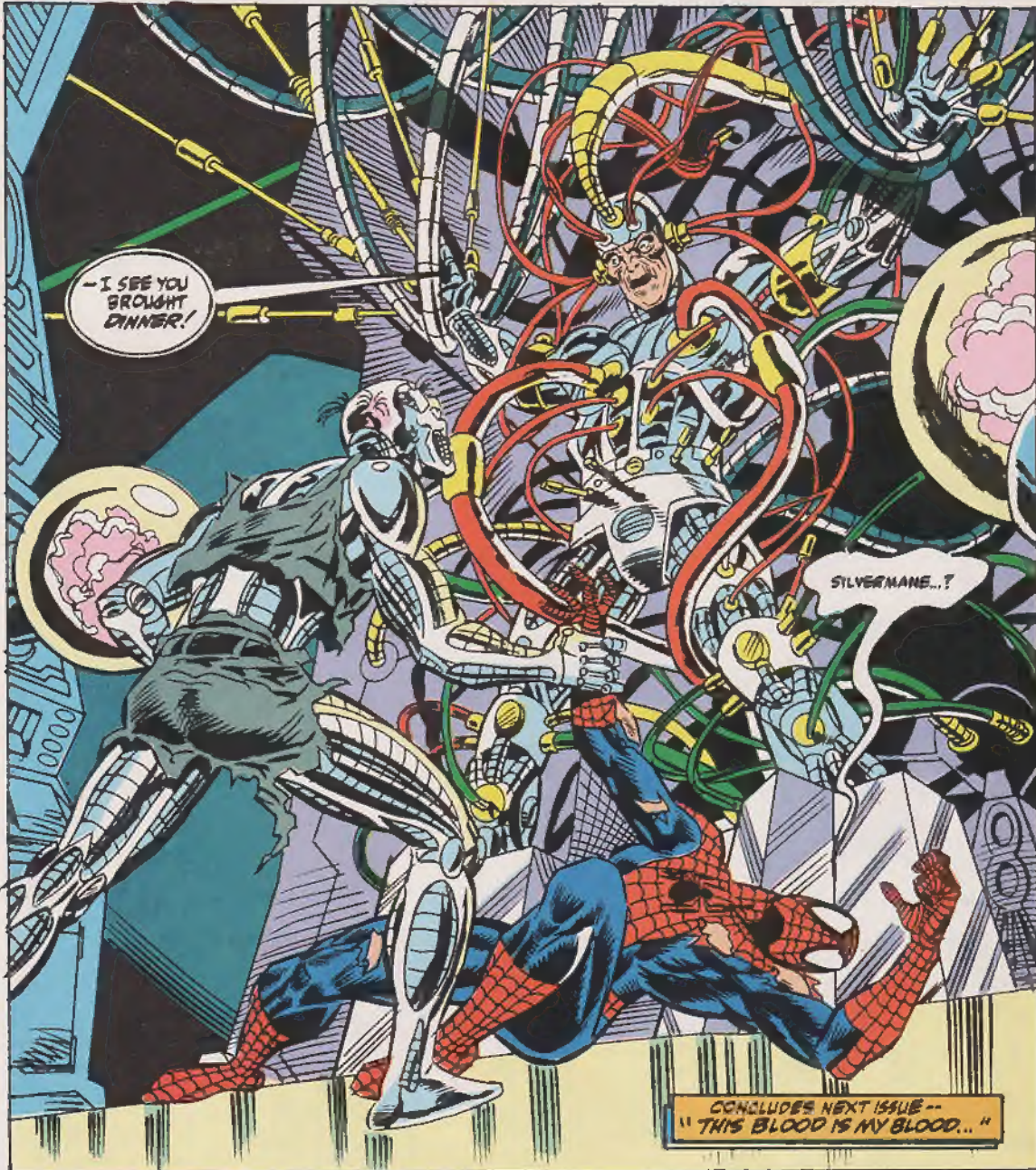


EVERYBODY BACK OFF UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE OUT OUR NEXT--



TWOOM





WEB-ZINGERS

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Dear Web-Zingers,

I just read WEB #73. It was great! Two questions. One: On the cover it reads, "Art Attacks! Part 1 of 4." What does that mean? Two: Why hasn't Rasputin become Colossus and helped Spidey out of the several jams he's been in lately? If you ask me, he's gone a little soft. Could you please team the Wall-Crawler up more often, like old times? Issue #73 showed some signs of a breakthrough, but it's hopefully just a start. Until M.J. gets bitten by a radioactive spider, Make Mine Marvel!

Ian Salisbury-Martinez
178 Twin Lanes Ave
Brentwood, NY

Well, Ian, Part 1 of 4, as you probably know by now, meant that it was just the first part in a story that lasted 4 issues, chock full o' amazing artistic feats of derring-do! As for Colossus, these stories took place when Colossus had amnesia. He didn't even know who he was! How could he use his powers if he didn't even know he had them!

Dear Web-heads,

I loved issue #73. At last! You finally gave Willie Lumpkin the spotlight he always deserved. Then you let the party be visited by several famous people, among them is Stan the Man himself with his beautiful wife Joan.

I like the latest appearance of the Headmen, too. John captures their personalities quite well. They haven't been handled this well since Steve Gerber's DEFENDERS.

The little quarrel between Johnny and Peter was well done. By the way, does Johnny know that Peter is Spidey? I don't remember if he ever found out. Finally, my last question is whether or not Gerry is going to eventually return to the other Spidey titles. I'm looking forward to Tony Isabella's stories! I liked his stories in the seventies a lot. Keep up the great work and Make Mine Marvel!

Hermann, the German critic
(Address withheld by request)

No, Hermann, the Torch doesn't know Spidey's secret identity, but they have been friendly enemies for a long time.

And no, Gerry Conway won't be coming back, but starting in a few issues, GHOST RIDER's own Howard Mackie will be coming aboard to do a five-part saga featuring the Rose, the Hobgoblin, the Kingpin, and his son Richard Fisk. It's called "The Name of

the Rose" and we'll fill you in more about it next month.

Dear Marvel,

Hi, this is my first letter. I'm 11 years old and have been collecting comics for 2 years. I started with the other comic company, but soon switched to only Marvel. I'm writing to let you know that WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #73 was awesome! The cover was great. Torch was hot! I also like how you made Spidey more real than usual by making him burp and have an emergency bathroom visit. So, till Spidey's afraid of heights, Make Mine Marvel!

Bjorn Collrim
8518 W Fremont Place
Littleton, CO

Dear Web-Zingers,

I have been about a year or so since I bought an issue of SPIDER-MAN and I missed out on a lot of things. And now I have WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #73. I think it was the greatest issue of SPIDER-MAN I have ever read. I think that Spider-Man and the Human Torch make a great team. I would like to see Spider-Man and Thor vs. Doctor Octopus and the Wrecker or Spider-Man and Iron Man vs. Rhino and the Beetle. I hope that the team ups I wrote will make it into issues of Spider-Man!

Le Van DeLoatch
626 N. Port Street
Baltimore, MA

Well, Le Van, if it's super hero team-ups that you crave, we sure hope ART ATTACKS delivered the goods. And if that isn't enough, check out Iron Man in the Summer Spidey Annuals along with the Black Panther! Plus Nova will be appearing in AMAZING SPIDEY #s 351 and 352! And Beetle and Rhino are in DEADLY FOES OF SPIDER-MAN! Whew!

Dear Web-Heads,

WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #73 was very special. The art was great. On page 9, panel 3, Chondu says that they failed to obtain Spider-Man's body when they last battled him. When was this? I don't remember Spidey ever fighting the Headmen. Well, till Aunt May joins the Marines, Make Mine Marvel!

Kevin Whatley
Rt. 1 Box 33
Bivins, TX

Gee, Kevin, check out the early issues of the SENSATIONAL SHE-HULK for all the head-losin' action, and find out for yourself what really

happened the first time Spidey went "head-to-head" with the Headmen!

Dear Marvel,

I've been reading and collecting your excellent titles for over 10 years now and this is the first time I've ever written to a comic. WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #73 was one of the best issues I've ever read. Spider-Man has always been my favorite hero and seeing him and the Human Torch trade insults (like in "the old days" as the Torch put it) was enjoyable. I have a question though. Alicia and Peter act like it's the first time they ever met, but I know they met previously back in MARVEL-TWO IN ONE #90. Could you clear this up please? Otherwise the issue was perfect. Keep up the good work.

Mike Parker
88 Dora Avenue
Waldwick, NJ

Good question, Mike! But haven't you ever been introduced to the same person twice? Sure Alicia and Peter know each other, but not that well!

Web-Zingers,

OK, I think I just passed through the twilight zone. Please clarify something for me. In issue #73, on page 27, bottom right corner, is that Colossus in his civvies and Kitty from X-Men? Also, is Kitty Mary Jane's cousin?

Also, when can we see the ol' Webhead team-up with the Jack of Hearts? It's been a while. On that note, I'm a big fan of the Jack of Hearts! Is there any way to get a complete list of his appearances?

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Okay. Ready, Taz? Yes, that is Colossus (how did you guess?). But no, that isn't Kitty. And no, Kitty isn't Mary Jane's cousin, Kristy is. Colossus mistook Kristy for Kitty because of the similarity in the ages and names. But meanwhile, the real Kitty thinks that Colossus is dead, and he has amnesia! And Jack of Hearts, most recently appeared in QUASAR, don'tcha know? Any other Hearts-throbs out there who want to see him in action with Spidey again?

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